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### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JUDGE OF THE STATE COURT FOR COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA**

These qualifications are intended for use as a popular guide. The Code references listed should be consulted as the final authority for all qualifications. It is the applicant's responsibility to determine what the qualifications are and that they are met.

The following are the qualifications for the Judge of State Court for Cobb County, Georgia:

These requirements are found in Cobb County Code § 10-105:

1. The judge of the state court of Cobb County shall have been a resident and elector of Cobb County, Georgia, for at least three years immediately preceding his election or appointment;
2. Shall have been engaged in the practice of law at least seven years next preceding his election or appointment hereunder;
3. Shall be at least 30 years of age.
4. Said judge shall not engage in the practice of law in any state or federal court during his tenure of office.

These requirements are found in the Georgia Constitution Article 6, Section 7, Paragraph 2. The General Assembly may provide by law for additional qualifications. Article 6, Section 7, Paragraph 2(e).

5. Each judge of the state court shall be a resident of the geographic area in which he or she is selected to serve, shall have been a resident of the state for three years next preceding the beginning of his or her term of office, shall as of such date be at least 25 years of age, and shall have been admitted to practice law for seven years. A full-time judge shall not engage in the practice of law in any state or federal court during his tenure of office. A part-time judge may engage in private practice in other court but may not practice in his own court or appear in any matter as to which that judge has exercised any jurisdiction.

These requirements may be found in Section 15-7-21(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which appears at p. 1422 Georgia Laws 1983, vol. 1.

- 6 They must pay a qualification fee of \$4,708.62 , or file a Pauper's Affidavit, O.C.G.A. §21-2-131(a)(1); §21-2-132(f).

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### A. NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

7. No Candidates for a State Court Judge office shall be nominated by a political party or by a petition as a candidate of a political body or as an independent candidate.
8. Notice of candidacy must be filed with the Superintendent (Board of Elections) with an affidavit stating:
  - (a) Residence with street number, if any, and post office box address;
  - (b) Profession, business or occupation, if any;
  - (c) The name of his or her precinct;
  - (d) That he or she is an elector of the county of his residence eligible to vote in the election in which he or she is a candidate;
  - (e) The name of the office he is seeking;
  - (f) That he or she is eligible to hold such office;
  - (g) That he or she has never been convicted and sentenced in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude under the laws of this state or any other state or of the United States, or that his civil rights have been restored and that at least ten years have elapsed from the date of completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; and
  - (h) That he or she will not knowingly violate the Election Chapter of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A. §21-2-153(e), or the rules and regulations adopted under said Chapter.

21-2-131(a)(1); §21-2-132(f).

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### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE JUDGE OF THE STATE COURT OF COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA, DIVISION II (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE STATE COURT OF COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA)**

These qualifications are intended for use as a popular guide. The Code references listed should be consulted as the final authority for all qualifications. It is the applicant's responsibility to determine what the qualifications are and that they are met.

The following are the qualifications for the Judge of the State Court of Cobb County, Georgia, Division II:

1. They must have been admitted to practice law for seven (7) years.
2. They must be a resident of the geographic area in which he is selected to serve.
3. They must have been a resident of the State of Georgia for three (3) years next preceding the beginning of his term of office.
4. They must as of such date be at least twenty five (25) years of age.
5. A full-time judge shall not engage in the practice of law in any state or federal court during his tenure of office. A part-time judge may engage in private practice in other court but may not practice in his own court or appear in any matter as to which that judge has exercised any jurisdiction.

The above qualifications are found in O.C.G.A. §15-7-21(a). Cobb County Code §10-151 and §10-152 provides that the second division of the State Court of Cobb County shall be governed by O.C.G.A. §15-7-1 et seq. The qualifications and election of the judges shall be as provided by general law.

6. They must pay a qualification fee of \$4,033.62, or file a Pauper's Affidavit, O.C.G.A. §21-2-131(a)(1); §21-2-132(f).

#### **A. NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS**

7. No Candidates for a State Court Judge office shall be nominated by a political party or by a petition as a candidate of a political body or as an independent candidate.
8. Notice of candidacy must be filed with the Superintendent (Board of Elections) with an affidavit stating:
  - (a) Residence with street number, if any, and post office box address;